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- Health officials in Utah said more than 25,000 Social Security numbers were compromised by hackers who downloaded thousands of medical files from state computers. – *Associated Press* (See item [29](#))
- Software that failed to recognize a community name and a discrepancy between coordinates on mapping systems are blamed for the failure to alert some residents to a deadly Colorado wildfire. – *Associated Press* (See item [34](#))
- Two new studies found ways to eavesdrop on smart phones and tablet PCs to record conversations and listen in as users were banking or linking to a virtual private network. – *USA Today* (See item [35](#))
- Two firefighters were killed and 3 others were injured after a massive fire in an abandoned 6-story Philadelphia factory building engulfed 2 blocks. – *Fox News* (See item [44](#))
- Dry and windy New Jersey was scorched by dozens of brush fires the weekend of April 7. Weather officials said the state, and at least seven neighboring states, remained at risk into the week of April 9. – *Bridgewater Patch* (See item [49](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 9, Occupational Health & Safety* – (National) **MSHA publishes final rule on examinations in underground coal mines.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) recently published the final rule “Examinations of Work Areas in Underground Coal Mines for Violations of Mandatory Health or Safety Standards,” Occupational Health & Safety reported April 9. The rule is geared to enhance miners’ health and safety by requiring mine operators to identify and correct hazardous conditions and violations of nine health and safety standards that pose the greatest risk to miners, including the kinds of conditions that led to the April 2010 explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, West Virginia that killed 29 miners. The nine standards address ventilation, methane, roof control, combustible materials, rock dust, and equipment guarding. They are consistent with guidance emphasized in the MSHA’s “Rules to Live By” initiative, and the types of violations cited in the agency’s report on the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion as contributing to the cause of that deadly accident.
Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2012/04/09/msha-publishes-final-rule-on-examinations-in-underground-coal-mines.aspx?admgarea=news>
2. *April 9, Associated Press* – (National) **Federal study ties fracking to earthquakes.** A new study from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) suggests oil and gas production may explain a sharp increase in small earthquakes in the nation’s midsection, the Associated Press reported April 9. The rate has jumped six-fold from the late 20th century through 2011, the team reports, and the changes are “almost certainly man-made.” The study said a relatively mild increase starting in 2001 comes from increased quake activity in a methane production area along the state line between Colorado and New Mexico. The increase began about the time that methane production began there,

so there is a “clear possibility” of a link, said the lead author of the study. The increase over the nation’s midsection has gotten steeper since 2009, due to more quakes in a variety of oil and gas production areas, including some in Arkansas and Oklahoma, the researchers say. It is not clear how the earthquake rates might be related to oil and gas production, the study authors indicated. They note others have linked earthquakes to injecting huge amounts of leftover wastewater deep into the earth.

Source: <http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/568353/Federal-Study-Ties-Fracking-to-Earthquakes.html?nav=515>

3. *April 8, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **134 Freeway tanker crash may have been triggered by drunk driver, says CHP.** The fiery crash on the 134 Freeway that shut down lanes April 8 in Glendale, California, may have been caused by a drunk driver, California Highway Patrol (CHP) officials said. Authorities say the driver of a 2010 Honda Accord was traveling at a high rate of speed on the westbound 134 Freeway April 7 when it collided with a double trailer hauling 8,600 gallons of gasoline. The truck’s trailer crashed into a guardrail, overturned, and erupted in flames. The tractor came to a stop on the shoulder, underneath the westbound 134 Freeway transition onto southbound I-5. It took more than 100 firefighters over an hour to get the massive flames under control. The truck briefly caught fire again as a tow truck tried to move it. Both directions of the 134 Freeway were closed near the I-5 junction, but CHP opened the eastbound lanes 8 hours later. Almost 24 hours later, all lanes on the 134 Freeway reopened. Periodic lane closures were expected for a few days as crews work to fully repair the damage. About 6,000 gallons of fuel burned following the collision and cleanup crews worked to offload the roughly 3,000 gallons of gasoline remaining in the tanker. Hazardous materials and marine safety crews were on scene due to concern the fuel spilled into the drains, possibly reaching the L.A. River.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los_angeles&id=8612858

4. *April 7, KVUE 24 Austin* – (Texas) **Tanker accident leaks 8000 gallons of jet fuel in Bastrop County.** More than 8,000 gallons of jet fuel spilled after a tanker truck was involved in an accident on Highway 71 in Bastrop County, Texas, April 7. The truck was carrying jet fuel to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The cause of the accident is still under investigation. Crews were on scene working to clean up the fuel. Westbound Highway 71 was shut down to all traffic for several hours, but has since reopened.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/Tanker-accident-leaks-8000-gallons-of-jet-fuel-in-Bastrop-County-146523165.html>

5. *April 6, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **Better spill plan eyed by Exxon, agencies.** State and federal officials said Exxon Mobil Corp. is working with government agencies on a plan to speed up the response to oil spills along Montana’s upper Yellowstone River, after a major spill in 2011 left local officials scrambling to deal with an ill-defined threat, the Great Falls Tribune reported April 6. The goal is to provide enough training and resources to take action on major pipeline, refinery, or railway spills within 24 hours, or before outside help can arrive. Exxon would pay to plan and possibly equip the stepped-up response under a settlement with the state over

pollution violations from its July 2011 pipeline break near Laurel. The effort is in the early stages and the company has not yet submitted a formal proposal. State approval is needed for the work to count toward Exxon's remaining \$1.3 million obligation under the settlement. The company's 12-inch Silvertip pipeline broke beneath the Yellowstone River in July 2011, releasing about 63,000 gallons of oil. Less than 1 percent of the oil that spilled was recovered during a cleanup that cost an estimated \$135 million after pipeline repairs were factored in.

Source:

<http://www.greatfallsribune.com/article/20120407/NEWS01/204070302/Better-spill-plan-eyed-by-Exxon-agencies?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *April 7, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (North Carolina) **Crews finish repairs as eastbound lanes of I-26 reopen In Henderson County.** The North Carolina Department of Transportation said the eastbound lanes of Interstate 26, near East Flat Rock in Henderson County, reopened April 7, 4 days after being closed following an accident involving a truck carrying sulfuric acid. The 5-mile stretch was initially shut down April 3, when an 18-wheeler hauling the acid overturned and caught fire. Crews were hampered by weather but managed to clean up the spill and make repairs to the Peter Guice Bridge over the Green River. They removed damaged layers of concrete from the bridge deck. They also poured new concrete and replaced the guardrail. Fire officials indicated the sulfuric acid mixture the truck was carrying leaked at about a gallon per minute for several hours. They spread about 2,000 pounds of lime on the chemical and prevented it from getting into the Green River.
Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/apr/06/56/tanker-truck-carrying-sulfur-crashes-i-26-ar-3538527/>
7. *April 7, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **Mercury, radioactive uranium found at site of Tideflats blaze.** Federal and state environmental officials discovered thousands of pounds of chemicals at a site in the Tideflats section of Tacoma, Washington, that was engulfed by a sudden fire March 28. The chemicals, most of them stored in two old trucks untouched by the fire, included 15 pounds of mercury, several hundred pounds of highly flammable sodium, and mildly radioactive uranium, the Tacoma News Tribune reported April 7. The site, which is in an industrial area adjacent to the Hylebos Waterway, drew some three dozen firefighters and a dozen pieces of equipment when it burst into flames. Later investigation showed it was used by NW Chemical Recycling to repackage surplus chemicals for sale. The fire started when sodium chlorite being repackaged into smaller containers burst into flames. Investigators found and removed some 1,600 separate chemical items from one of the trucks alone, according to reports from the Environmental Protection Agency. Reports said the storage conditions and the mix of chemicals potentially presented further hazards.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2012/04/07/2099183/mercury-radioactive-uranium-found.html#storylink=cpy>

8. *April 6, KGAN 2 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **St. Lucas evacuated due to ammonia leak.** The downtown and northwest portions of St. Lucas, Iowa, were evacuated April 6 after two tanks filled with anhydrous ammonia broke loose from the truck towing them. The Fayette County sheriff said the incident began when a pin released from a hitch on a truck towing the ammonia. The tanks overturned into the parking lot of a business in St. Lucas, and a valve broke releasing the ammonia. The sheriff said that because the town sits in a valley, authorities decided to evacuate. The incident was contained after 2 hours, and the 41 people who were evacuated were allowed back into their businesses and homes.

Source: http://kgan.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kgan_vid_10658.shtml

9. *April 6, Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (New York; International) **Middletown manufacturer of regulated chemicals agrees to pay \$420,000 in civil penalties.** Fleurchem Inc., a Middletown, New York manufacturer of flavoring chemicals, agreed to pay \$420,000 in civil penalties after it repeatedly manufactured and exported regulated chemicals that can be used to make illegal drugs, the Middletown Times Herald-Record reported April 6. The chemicals in question all have legitimate uses in Fleurchem's line of business. However, because of their potential for illicit use, firms are required to report to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the U.S. Attorney General the manufacture, import, or export of quantities above thresholds set by the Controlled Substances Act. The U.S. attorney's office filed a civil lawsuit against Fleurchem April 5 in federal court, and settled the suit the same day. Prosecutors said Fleurchem manufactured the chemicals dozens of times between June 2008 and May 2011, exporting them to Israel, Chile, Australia, Canada, Germany, France, Singapore, Switzerland, Greece, and the Netherlands, all without filing mandated notifications to the U.S. attorney or reports with the DEA. The company had been warned for exactly the same issues following a 2007 investigation, according to the federal complaint. Fleurchem agreed to pay the penalties and to hire a permanent compliance manager within 30 days and establish a compliance committee. The manufacturer must allow the DEA access to its property during regular business hours for the next 2 years without requiring a warrant.

Source:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120406/NEWS/120409808>

10. *April 5, GateHouse News Service* – (Louisiana) **Repairs underway on damaged chemical unit; two lawsuits filed.** Repairs are underway on a damaged chemical unit that exploded at a Geismar vinyl plant in Plaquemine, Louisiana, about 2 miles from the Iberville Parish line, GateHouse News Service reported April 5. Normal operations at the Westlake chemical plant will not resume until around mid-May as crews work to repair the damage from an explosion March 22, according to a Westlake spokesman. He said personnel were on site doing maintenance and preparatory operations. Meanwhile, two lawsuits from nearby residents were filed stemming from the explosion that prompted officials from the Ascension Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to establish a 1-mile shelter in place for several

hours. The explosion occurred in a unit that produces vinyl chloride monomer, an intermediate product used in the production of polyvinyl chloride. The lost production and repairs to the facility will cost Westlake between \$5 million and \$7 million, a company spokesman said. State and federal safety and environmental officials launched investigations into the explosion. The company spokesman said Westlake called on a third party to conduct an independent review.

Source: <http://www.postsouth.com/newsnow/x221037300/Repairs-underway-on-damaged-chemical-unit-two-lawsuits-filed>

11. *April 5, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Warehouse catches fire in Bridgeport.** At least seven vehicles were damaged in an April 5 fire at a warehouse with hazardous chemicals in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The fire produced thick smoke that engulfed nearby Interstate 95. A battalion fire chief said the fire broke out at an insulation-manufacturing plant. Seven or eight vehicles were on fire when the first units arrived, he said, and thick smoke was creating visibility problems for firefighters and for motorists on the highway above it for several hours. The blue corrugated metal building was heavily damaged. The fire started in a corner of the second floor, the battalion chief said. He said toxic chemicals inside the 2-story structure owned by Ecologic Energy Solutions made the fire difficult to fight. The firm's Web site said it is a leading spray foam-insulation company. State Street was closed near Fairfield Avenue for several hours.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Warehouse-catches-fire-in-Bridgeport-3460943.php>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

12. *April 6, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (South Carolina) **Leak at Oconee Nuclear Station prompts shutdown of reactor.** Officials with Duke Energy said a leak prompted them to shut down one of three reactors at the Oconee Nuclear Station in Oconee County, South Carolina, April 6. Unit 2 was powered down because of a leak they said increased as crews increased the power. It has been shut down for repairs, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was notified. Duke officials said the leak was contained to the reactor and there was no public threat.

Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/apr/06/leak-oconee-nuclear-station-prompts-shutdown-react-ar-3558842/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

13. *April 9, Reuters* – (National) **Ford recalls more than 140,000 Focus cars in U.S.** According to U.S. safety regulators, Ford Motor Co. is recalling 140,310 Focus cars from model year 2012 in the United States to repair a potential problem with the

passenger-side windshield wiper motor, Reuters reported April 9. A seal plug in the wiper motor electrical connector may be missing, allowing water into the motor's electrical connection, according to documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). That could result in an inoperative wiper, reducing visibility and increasing the risk of a crash. Owners will be notified the week of May 21, and the wiper motor connector will be cleaned and sealed as needed, the NHTSA said. In separate NHTSA documents, Chrysler, which is controlled by Fiat, is recalling 1,689 2012 model Jeep Patriot and Compass sport utility vehicles that may have been built with a fuel tank assembly containing a damaged rollover valve. In an accident or rollover, fuel could leak and increase the risk of a fire, the NHTSA said. Chrysler said in an NHTSA filing that it was not aware of any accidents, leaks, fires, or injuries related to the issue. The recall is expected to begin by June.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/09/us-ford-usrecall-idUSBRE8380BD20120409>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

14. *April 6, Associated Press* – (New Jersey; International) **New charge for man accused in trade secrets case.** An Illinois man accused of taking trade secrets from his job with a New Jersey-based defense contractor was indicted on a new charge April 5. The man was arrested at his home in Deerfield, Illinois, in March 2011 and accused of taking restricted military data and presenting it at two conferences in China in the fall of 2010. He worked at Space & Navigation, a New Jersey-based division of New York-based L3 Communications. He was originally charged with exporting defense-related data without a license and lying to authorities. In a superseding indictment released April 5, he was charged with possessing stolen trade secrets. The secrets dealt with technology that could be used for target locators and other military applications.

Source: <http://www.trentonian.com/article/20120406/NEWS03/120409782/-1/SPORTS01/new-charge-for-man-accused-in-trade-secrets-case>

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Banking and Finance Sector

15. *April 8, Jeffersonville News and Tribune* – (Indiana) **Five Jeffersonville residents accused of fraud.** Five Jeffersonville, Indiana residents and one Louisville, Kentucky resident were accused of mortgage fraud from creating fake loan applications for 19 properties totaling \$5 million in Jeffersonville and Louisville, the Jeffersonville News and Tribune reported April 8. The five were accused of submitting fake information on home loan applications between November 1, 2006, and August 30, 2008, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice. According to the release, once those loans were approved, the money was transferred to designated bank accounts in Louisville. In addition, two of the defendants were accused of conspiracy to commit bank fraud in a separate, but similar scheme, against various banks by submitting fake auto loan applications. Between October 22, 2010, and December 31, 2010, the two

received \$118,000 from their fake loan applications to supposedly purchase four vehicles.

Source: <http://newsandtribune.com/clarkcounty/x2108291420/Five-Jeffersonville-residents-accused-of-fraud>

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Transportation Sector

16. *April 9, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **13 injured in crash involving JTA bus.** Witnesses said a Jacksonville, Florida city bus swerved into an SUV April 9. Eleven people on the bus and two in an SUV were taken to hospitals, most complaining of neck and back injuries, according to Jacksonville Fire-Rescue. The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) driver may have suffered a seizure or other medical problem before losing control of the bus, rear-ending an SUV and then a pole before ending up in the middle of the road. The driver was among those hospitalized.

Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/13-injured-in-crash-involving-JTA-bus/-/475880/10365820/-/3ib5ld/-/index.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *April 9, Food Safety News* – (National; International) **Some Planters cocktail peanuts recalled.** Kraft Foods Group, Inc. is recalling about 3,000 cases of Planters Cocktail Peanuts because there is a possibility the product was exposed to water not intended for use in food during the production process, Food Safety News reported April 9. Consumers who purchased the affected code date of this product should not eat them, according to the Kraft Foods news release. The recall is for nuts sold in 12-ounce canisters. About 3,000 cases of the recalled peanuts, which were processed at the Kraft Foods facility in Suffolk, Virginia, were shipped to retail customers across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/some-planters-cocktail-peanuts-recalled/>

18. *April 9, Food Safety News* – (Nevada) **Allergen alert: MSG in steamed pork buns.** Quality Food Distributor of Las Vegas is recalling about 50,820 pounds of

Steamed BBQ Flavored Pork Buns because they contain monosodium glutamate (MSG), which is not declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said in a news release, Food Safety News reported April 9. During a label review and routine food safety assessment, FSIS personnel determined the MSG was used in marinade used during the cooking process and was left off the label of the final product. This product was produced April 4 and 5, 2011 and was sold to a distributor in Las Vegas. This product may have been further distributed to restaurants.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/allergen-alert-msg-in-steamed-pork-buns/>

19. *April 9, Sioux City Journal* – (Iowa) **\$81,250 in steer reported missing from Hinton, Iowa, lot.** Dozens of cows were reported missing from a feed lot near Hinton, Iowa, the Sioux City Journal reported April 9. The Holstein steer are worth an estimated \$81,250. The cows disappeared from the Bio Beef Feed Lot. The lot operator told police he suspects someone opened barn gates and cut a chain on the main entrance. He believes the incident could have happened as long as 2 weeks ago, police said. The missing animals were reported April 5. Fifty-six cows, all finished feeder animals, were unaccounted for, police said.

Source: http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/hinton-feed-lot-operator-reports-cattle-theft-police-say/article_30077dc6-102e-52ab-9ad0-c38c46fb6810.html

20. *April 7, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Dairy farm blaze forces evacuation of 50 near Anton.** Fifty people were evacuated to a school April 6 after a gigantic hay stack at the Daisy Lane Dairy burst into flame near Anton, Colorado, authorities said. Winds whipping up to 35 mph were blowing embers into a grass field near trailers housing dairy workers and their families, said the emergency management director of Washington County. Dairy workers were grinding hay when a machine overheated and ignited a hay stack about 25 feet high and the length of two football fields. About 30 firefighters from 4 fire departments responded to the fire and kept it contained. However, in the evening, strong winds lifted flaming embers and carried them into a field near the trailers. About 50 residents of the trailers were possibly at risk. They were evacuated as a precaution. Residents were permitted to return to their homes early April 7; however, the hay bale was expected to burn and smolder for a few days.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_20347212/dairy-farm-blaze-forces-evacuation-50-near-anton

21. *April 7, Food Safety News* – (International) **Beef recalled for Salmonella in Canada.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) issued a joint announcement with Intercity Packers (East) Ltd. April 7, warning the public, distributors, and food service establishments in Canada to avoid consuming, selling, serving, or using beef burger meat mix produced by Integrity Packers due to potential Salmonella contamination. The warning comes on the heels of a Salmonella outbreak in Ottawa and southern Ontario. Public health partners from CFIA, Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada are investigating the outbreak, which may have been caused by Intercity Beef. The product has been distributed to public and commercial food

establishments in Ontario and Newfoundland, and possibly retailers in Newfoundland.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/beef-recalled-for-salmonella-in-canada/>

22. *April 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **100 ill in sushi-suspected Salmonella outbreak.** One hundred cases of Salmonella Bareilly poisoning have been reported from 19 states and the District of Columbia while investigators still have “not conclusively identified a food source,” the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said April 6. The CDC’s earlier report implicated sushi, sashimi, or a raw dish such as ceviche as possible sources of the outbreak. The seven additional cases were reported by Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. Ten people have had symptoms so severe they required hospitalization.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/100-ill-in-sushi-suspected-salmonella-outbreak/>
23. *April 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Diamond Naturals Lamb Meal & Rice dog food may contain Salmonella.** Diamond Pet Foods is recalling its Diamond Naturals Lamb Meal & Rice because it may be contaminated with Salmonella. According to a recall notice posted by the company April 6, the recalled dry dog food was distributed to customers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia. However, it then could have been further distributed to other states, through pet food channels. Handling contaminated dry pet food can cause humans to become infected with Salmonella, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with surfaces exposed to the product.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/diamond-naturals-lamb-meal-rice-dog-food-may-contain-salmonella/>
24. *April 5, US Food Safety* – (National) **Odwalla Chocolate Protein Monster allergy alert and recall.** Odwalla of Dinuba, California, is recalling Odwalla Chocolate Protein Monster beverage in 12-ounce and 32-ounce bottles because of reports from consumers allergic to peanuts and/or tree nuts experiencing severe allergic reactions after consuming this beverage, US Food Safety reported April 5. The Odwalla Chocolate Protein Monster beverages were distributed nationwide through retail food stores and on-premise food service establishments during the last 7 weeks. Four consumers have contacted Odwalla to report allergic reactions after drinking the product.
Source: <http://www.usfoodsafety.com/zr120063.aspx>

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Water Sector

25. *April 6, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **EPA: Water quality OK at 20 wells in Pa. gas town.** Testing at 20 more water wells in Dimock, Pennsylvania, showed no dangerous levels of contamination, according to a report issued April 6 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Previous testing of 11 wells in Dimock,

showed the presence of sodium, methane, chromium, or bacteria in 6 of the wells before the results of the latest round of testing. Three of the newly-tested wells showed methane while one showed barium well above the EPA's maximum level, but a treatment system installed in the well is removing the substance, an EPA spokesman said. Dimock has been at the center of a fierce debate over drilling, in particular the process of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. The process involves injecting a mixture of water and chemicals deep under ground to free trapped natural gas so it can be brought to the surface. State environmental regulators previously determined that Houston-based Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. contaminated the aquifer underneath homes in Dimock with explosive levels of methane, although they later determined the company had met its obligation to provide safe drinking water to residents. The EPA continued to provide drinking water to three homes where prior tests showed contamination. A second round of tests is under way, regulators said.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-04/D9TVK45O1.htm>

26. *April 6, Corpus Christi Caller Times* – (Texas) **Laguna Madre wastewater line repaired after spilling 12,000 gallons in wetlands.** A wastewater mainline ruptured April 2 spilling about 12,000 gallons into a wetlands area adjacent to the Upper Laguna Madre near the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station in Texas. A contractor spent 1 day repairing the leak and cleaning up the spill, the Corpus Christi Wastewater director said. The leak from an 18-inch iron mainline flowed into about 3 to 5 acres of wetlands. City wastewater officials temporarily shutdown all lift stations that pump wastewater to the Laguna Madre Wastewater Treatment plant. The wastewater department notified the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Source: <http://www.caller.com/news/2012/apr/06/laguna-madre-wastewater-line-repaired-after-in/>

27. *April 6, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Security system overhaul slated at Boynton Beach water treatment plants.** The security system at the two water treatment plants in Boynton Beach, Florida, will receive improvements to their security television and access system, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach reported April 6. The improvements come after a former city employee was charged with stealing city tools from the site and pawning them for \$1,000. The employee was arrested and is facing charges. The Palm Beach County Inspector General's Office investigated city policies after the arrest and the city's vice mayor said they are following the federal Bio-Terrorism Response Act which requires the upgrades. About 90,000 of the residents in the Boynton Beach area receive water from the two plants.

Source:

http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_s_palm_beach_county/boynton_beach/security-system-overhaul-slated-at-boynton-beach-water-treatment-plants

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *April 9, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Arizona health officials warn public about Norovirus.** Seven clusters of Norovirus found in assisted-living homes for seniors have authorities in southern Arizona warning the public about the sometimes fatal flu-like illness, the Associated Press reported April 9. The Pima County Health Department is warning the public to use extra caution around the elderly and children, who are more susceptible to Norovirus. The department is investigating the clusters of found in assisted-living facilities in the area. They say Norovirus is not uncommon in such homes, but that it is rare to see so many different clusters at the same time.
Source: <http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/state/arizona-health-officials-warn-public-about-norovirus>
29. *April 6, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Utah: Medical records breach more extensive.** Health officials in Utah said hackers who downloaded thousands of medical files from state computers stole far more personal information than originally thought. The Utah Department of Health said April 6 that nearly 182,000 recipients of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program had their personal information stolen. The department estimates more than 25,000 Social Security numbers were compromised. Agency officials originally thought the hackers stole 24,000 Medicaid claims. Officials said the attack started the week of March 26 and likely came from eastern Europe. The information was on a new server that had security tools installed improperly.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-04/D9TVKSM00.htm>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *April 9, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Pitt empties 3 more buildings for afternoon bomb threat.** University of Pittsburgh officials ordered the evacuations of Heinz Chapel, Panther Central, and Victoria Hall after another bomb threat, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported April 9. The threat was received about a half hour after officials cleared the University Club due to a threat and hours after an early-morning threat led to the evacuations of Amos Hall, Bruce Hall, Brackenridge Hall, and Panther Hall. In all, the university received 4 threats against 12 buildings April 9. Officials used social media outlets as well as the university's emergency notification system to send out alerts. The threats are just the most recent in a string of several dozen that have disrupted classes at the university in recent weeks. The university announced new security measures April 8 that include limiting access to a building that has been cleared of a threat to one entrance and requiring everyone to show a university ID to enter. The region's Joint Terrorism Task Force is investigating the threats.
Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s_790519.html
31. *April 8, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **7 hospitalized in Ariz. British copter mishap.** A British Chinook helicopter made an emergency landing during an exercise in the Arizona desert, U.S. and British military officials said. Seven people were sent to

the hospital for evaluations. The British Defense Ministry in London confirmed April 8 it was an emergency landing during an exercise. April 7, the crew was practicing how to land the aircraft 15 miles northeast of Yuma when “something went wrong,” said a spokeswoman for Naval Air Facility El Centro, California.

Source: <http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2012/04/ap-british-copter-mishap-arizona-040812/>

32. *April 8, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **7-year-old boy tied to Alaska arson fires.** A Juneau boy admitted setting 5 arson fires over a little more than 4 months, according to fire officials in Alaska’s capital. The Juneau fire marshal told the Juneau Empire the boy caused about \$1,000 in damages by setting fires in restrooms at Harborview Elementary School and the Terry Miller Legislative Building, plus a downtown grass fire, and two fires at a Fred Meyer store. The fire chief said the case will be forwarded to probation officers at the Johnson Youth Center. The boy told fire officials during interviews April 4 that he set the small fires with a lighter he found. There was no immediate indication of why, the fire chief said, but the incidents were dangerous. The boy had previously confessed to setting fire to plastic storage totes in the outdoor center at Fred Meyer in December 2011, as well as another fire in a Fred Meyer restroom in January. The boy may have started other fires, the fire chief said. Officials are investigating a fire in a public restroom at city hall in late January and early February. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/04/08/7-year-old-boy-tied-to-alaska-arson-fires/>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *April 8, Salina Journal* – (Kansas) **Ambulance gets T-boned at intersection.** April 7, several witnesses in Salina, Kansas, said an ambulance was T-boned at an intersection and flipped on its side after it passed through a red light with its lights on but no sirens. It was hit on the driver’s side by a white SUV that had the green light. The ambulance passenger and two EMTs were taken by ambulance to Salina Regional Health Center; their names and conditions were not available. Source: <http://www.salina.com/news/story/ambulance-wreck>
34. *April 6, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Mapping glitch blamed for no Colo. fire warnings.** Software that failed to recognize a community name and a discrepancy between coordinates on Google maps and a mapping system are being blamed for the failure to alert some residents to a deadly Colorado wildfire. A document released April 5 by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office indicates mapping software used by FirstCall Network Inc. did not recognize where to map homes listed as being in Morrison. Those homes were placed in an “unknown” category and received no warnings about the fire. They included the home of a woman who died. She was one of the first residents to call 9-1-1 to report smoke over her house and was told it was a small, 5-acre fire. FirstCall provides automated phone warning systems to up to 200 cities, counties, and states across the country. A review by the county and FirstCall also found up to 100,000 records containing errors, leaving county officials to consider

using other systems to warn residents of emergencies. Those include sending cruisers through affected neighborhoods with sirens and broadcasting warnings on the Emergency Alert System on television and radio. The county and FirstCall are at odds over who is to blame, with the sheriff's office saying the company maintains its own database that the county pays for and should work. The FirstCall president said the problem was in the difference between software the company uses and the address data collected from the county's 9-1-1 system, which lists some homes in Morrison, about 13 miles from the fire. He later issued a statement saying the company and the county are working with other companies that collect the data to ensure addresses match their location.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10689491/mapping-glitch-blamed-for-no-colo-fire-warnings>

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Information Technology Sector

35. *April 9, USA Today* – (International) **New security flaws detected in mobile devices.** Findings of two recent examinations of mobile devices highlight how designers of smartphones and tablet PCs failed to fully account for security and privacy implications. In one study, security firm Cryptography Research showed how it is possible to eavesdrop on any smartphone or tablet PC as it is being used to make a purchase, conduct online banking, or access a company's virtual private network. Cryptography Research is "working with one of the major smartphone and tablet companies right now to put countermeasures in," Cryptography Research's chief technology officer said. No known actual attacks have occurred, he said. In another demonstration, researchers at McAfee highlighted several ways to remotely hack into Apple iOS. McAfee's research team remotely activated microphones on a variety of test devices and recorded conversations taking place nearby. They also showed that it is possible to steal secret keys and passwords, and pilfer sensitive data. "This can be done with absolutely no indication to the device user," says McAfee's principal security architect.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/story/2012-04-08/smartphone-security-flaw/54122468/1>

36. *April 9, IDG News Service* – (International) **Web attacks use smart redirection to evade URL security scanners.** Antivirus vendor ESET has come across new Web-based malware attacks that try to evade URL security scanners by checking for mouse cursor movement, ESET researchers said in a blog post April 6. The new drive-by download attacks were spotted in the Russian Web space and do not require user interaction to infect computers with malware. Rogue JavaScript code is being added to local JS files that get loaded in the "head" section of every HTML page. The code injected into these JavaScript files loads a different JS file from an external location but only if mouse cursor movement is detected. The purpose of the mouse movement detection is to filter out URL scanners and Web crawlers used by security companies or

search engines to detect infected sites. If the check determines the request came from a human, the external JavaScript code injects an iframe into the original HTML page, which then loads attack code from an installation of the Nuclear Pack exploit toolkit. In this case, it attempts to exploit the CVE-2012-0507 Java vulnerability and the CVE-2010-0188 Adobe Reader vulnerability.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9225957/Web_attacks_use_smart_redirection_to_evade_URL_security_scanners

37. *April 9, IDG News Service* – (Massachusetts) **Former Intel employee pleads guilty to stealing documents.** A former Intel employee pleaded guilty to five counts relating to the illegal download of confidential documents from Intel's servers, states a plea agreement entered the week of April 2 between the man and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. The former employee of Intel's Massachusetts Microprocessor Development Center, who was working on the design of Itanium processors, is said to have resigned from Intel May 29, 2008, and took leave from Intel up to June 11, purportedly to use accrued vacation time. He joined Intel's rival Advanced Micro Devices June 2, while still on Intel's payroll, and continuing to have access to Intel's servers. From June 8 through June 11, he downloaded 13 "top secret" Intel design documents from the company's servers in California, the indictment said. He copied them from his Intel-issued laptop to an external drive so he could access the documents after he returned the laptop to Intel. He is said to have tried to access the servers again around June 13.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9225948/Former_Intel_employee_pleads_guilty_to_stealing_documents

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

38. *April 9, WBZ 4 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **WBZ-TV statement on technical difficulties.** Due to technical difficulties at a transmitter site in Needham, Massachusetts, WBZ 4 Boston and My-TV-38's over the air signals were not working April 9. This problem was affecting other stations as well, the director of broadcast operations and engineering said in a statement. Crews have been working at the tower site since the evening of April 8 to fix the problem.

Source: <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2012/04/09/wbz-tv-statement-on-over-the-air-technical-difficulties/>

39. *April 6, Mesquite Citizen Journal* – (Nevada) **Internet interruptions being repaired.** According to a marketing coordinator at Reliance Connects, a device that controls all of the Internet traffic for the entire Mesquite, Nevada area failed, causing access outages, the Mesquite Citizen Journal reported April 6. They have the manufacturer monitoring repairs to the device and technicians from out of state have been brought in to aid in repairs to the machine. “We are migrating all of our services to another device that can perform all the necessary functions for complete Internet access,” the marketing coordinator said.
Source: <http://mesquitecitizen.com/viewnews.php?newsid=1690&id=3>
40. *April 6, Agri-view* – (National) **Fake Verizon emails contain malicious links.** An e-mail that fraudulently claims to come from Verizon Wireless is making the rounds in Wisconsin and could lead to a serious breach of data for consumers who click the links in its text, Agri-view reported April 6. The fake Verizon Wireless account e-mail has been sent to citizens and to businesses. The sender, subject, graphics, and text are nearly identical to an actual Verizon message. The scam e-mail claims the recipient owes a large amount of money on a Verizon account — current versions say more than \$900. When a person clicks any of the links in the e-mail to learn more, they may unintentionally download malicious software onto the computer or be driven to a site that will harvest personal information. Verizon Wireless notes on its Web site that the company does not send e-mail notices asking for customer payment information, usernames, or passwords used to manage accounts.
Source: http://www.agriview.com/news/regional/fake-verizon-emails-contain-malicious-links/article_0c48ab8a-7ff4-11e1-9190-001a4bcf887a.html
41. *April 6, Bluffton Island Packet* – (South Carolina) **Highway crews again blamed for cable service outage.** Construction workers widening U.S. 278 again knocked out some cable, telephone, and Internet service on Hilton Head Island and in Bluffton, South Carolina, April 6, according to Time Warner Cable. The company’s vice president of communications said crews working along the highway cut a fiber cable. All of Time Warner’s subscribers on Hilton Head and in Bluffton were affected, she said. Service was restored on Hilton Head and in Bluffton after about 4 hours, the vice president said. She said the cable provider had another line cut a few weeks ago by the same workers. Local cable, telephone, and computer provider Hargray has also blamed recent service outages near U.S. 278 on construction workers who are not careful about where they dig.
Source: <http://www.islandpacket.com/2012/04/06/2027681/highway-crews-again-blamed-for.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *April 9, CNN* – (Virginia) **Navy begins compensation after crash.** The U.S. Navy was scheduled to begin cutting compensation checks April 9 to victims of a fiery crash of a fighter jet into apartment buildings in Virginia Beach, Virginia, April 6. Initial payments will begin at \$2,300 per person to cover immediate needs, such as housing, meals, and clothing. The F/A-18 fighter jet experienced a “catastrophic mechanical malfunction” during takeoff, raining jet fuel over Virginia Beach before plunging to the ground, damaging five apartment buildings, according to residents and Navy officials. The jet carried a student pilot in the front seat and an experienced instructor behind him, and the leakage of fuel was “one of the indications that there was a mechanical malfunction,” a Navy captain said. The two pilots, a Virginia Beach police officer, an EMS volunteer, and three other people were treated for injuries at the hospital. The jet, which was not carrying live ordnance, was part of a training squadron at Naval Air Station Oceana, the Navy and Federal Aviation Administration said. It crashed 2.2 miles from the runway, a senior Defense Department official told CNN.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/09/us/virginia-plane-crash/>
43. *April 9, Hermosa Beach Patch* – (California) **Police: Marines had 10 stun grenades.** Two active-duty Marines were taken into military custody after authorities discovered nearly a dozen stun grenades in the pickup they were driving, according to the Redondo Beach Police Department, the Hermosa Beach Patch reported April 9. Both Marines were stationed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California. Redondo police discovered and detained the men after receiving a tip from the U.S. Marine Corps that two Marines were driving a white pickup carrying military explosives. A blast perimeter was set up around the truck, which was found parked in the lot in front of the Living Spaces in the South Bay Marketplace. The two Marines, clad in their civilian clothes, were standing next to the truck when police arrived. Police also ordered the evacuation of Living Spaces, Target, Nordstrom Rack, and Sprouts, and notified the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department bomb squad. The bomb squad used a robot to investigate the truck, which contained 10 stun grenades, police said. The stun grenades — which are similar to “flash-bang” devices used by law enforcement — are used by the military during training scenarios to simulate artillery fire and explosions.
Source: <http://hermosabeach.patch.com/articles/police-responding-to-bomb-scare-at-redondo-target>
44. *April 9, Fox News* – (Pennsylvania) **2 firefighters killed in Philadelphia factory fire.** Two firefighters were killed and three others were injured April 9 after a massive fire inside an abandoned 6-story Philadelphia factory building engulfed two blocks. The firefighters were reportedly trapped inside a furniture store that caught fire after embers from the burning warehouse blew onto the site. The injured firefighters were saved by an urban rescue team and taken to the hospital. Fire crews from all over the city responded to the alarm at the Thomas Buck Hosiery Factory in the Kensington area of the city. The fire went to five alarms. Homes were evacuated in the area as embers from the massive fire drifted into the neighborhood, and evacuees were sent to a nearby church. Utility supplier PECO also cut power to the area around the warehouse. Most

of the structure collapsed as the fire tore through the building, and flames spread to at least one other warehouse and two nearby homes.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/04/09/2-firefighters-killed-in-massive-philadelphia-factory-fire/?test=latestnews>

45. *April 9, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Fatal shooting at Surfside Beach party kills young father.** Gunshots rang out at a beach party in Brazoria County, Texas, killing a man April 7. Police said thousands of people gathered at Surfside Beach for a party when someone started shooting. In all, police say three people were shot at the party. They said none of the victims knew each other. The online invitation to the “Texas Beach Party” brought in thousands of people. A friend of the man who was killed said there was so much traffic, EMS had trouble reaching them. Police say party organizers did not have a permit for the gathering, but they were allowed to stay.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8613495>
46. *April 9, United Press International* – (Oklahoma) **Rains force 600 to leave Oklahoma park.** Thunderstorms caused flooding and forced the evacuation of more than 600 people from Turner Falls Park in Davis, Oklahoma April 8, officials said. The emergency management officer at Davis and the community’s vice mayor, estimated the park received about 5 inches of rain from the storms, which hit the area early April 8. The Chickasaw Nation’s Red Cross helped with the evacuation effort, he said, along with people from local communities and the Davis Fire Department. “The churches have pitched in and brought food and we borrowed buses from the school to transport people,” he said. About 80 people elected to stay overnight in cabins in the park. Some campers who evacuated left vehicles and other belongings behind.
Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2012/04/09/Rains-force-600-to-leave-Oklahoma-park/UPI-48561333984548/
47. *April 9, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **38 residents displaced by Hermitage fire.** Dozens of people in the Hermitage area of Nashville, Tennessee, lost their homes to a two-alarm fire at a condominium development April 8. The fire started at the Jackson Meadows Condos. According to the district fire chief, the flames and smoke were so intense that first responders immediately requested additional units to help fight the fire. At one point, a propane tank exploded as crews tried to douse the flames. The Red Cross said 38 people were affected by the fire and 24 units were damaged.
Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/story/17359108/hermitage-condo-fire>
48. *April 8, WCBS 2 New York; Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **52 residents displaced after massive 10-home Jersey City fire.** Five firefighters were hurt and 52 residents were displaced after a massive fire destroyed or severely damaged at least 10 row homes in Jersey City, New Jersey April 8. Dozens of firefighters battled the six-alarm fire. It then took more than 3 hours to bring the massive fire under control. Flames spread viciously through a group of two-story, two-family row houses. Two of the buildings collapsed, and a temporary shelter was opened for those affected. Firefighters had to evacuate the roof of one building because it was buckling. “We think it’s suspicious because there were two fires that occurred simultaneously in very close proximity,” the press director of the New Jersey Department of Environmental

Protection said. “There were no electrical storms, nothing that we know of as far as like campfires or organized outings that could have led to the creation of a fire.”

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/04/08/as-many-as-65-homeless-in-massive-ten-building-fire-in-jersey-city/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

49. *April 9, Bridgewater Patch* – (New Jersey; National) **Fires break out across N.J. as warnings continue.** Dry and windy New Jersey has been scorched by multiple brush fires since April 6, and weather officials say the state remains at risk into the week of April 9. Three fires burned more than 400 acres in Camden County April 6, and seven smaller fires had broken out by the next morning. A “red flag” fire warning implemented by the National Weather Service remained in effect in all of New Jersey and Delaware, as well as large portions of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York. The warnings extend as far south as Virginia and north into New Hampshire. The warning remained in place until 8 p.m. April 9, as low humidity and wind gusts of up to 40 mph were expected. As of the start of the warning, the New Jersey Forest Fire Service had responded to 315 wildfires that burned 254 acres in 2012, compared with 167 fires that burned 176 acres during the same period in 2011. A fire was reported April 8 in the Pine Barrens, a day after small brush fires snarled traffic on Route 4 in Teaneck. Three brush fires occurred in Mahwah over the weekend of April 7. There were wildfires over the weekend in Somerset, Ocean, Monmouth, Bergen, Sussex, Warren, Morris, Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Cape May counties.

Source: <http://bridgewater.patch.com/articles/fires-break-out-across-new-jersey-as-warnings-continue-1bd11534>

50. *April 9, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Spreading smoke causes Jacksonville officials to issue air quality advisory.** Firefighters were still trying to contain 6 of 20 wildfires burning in Northeast Florida, with other fires likely to erupt in the coming days because of extremely dry conditions and no rainfall expected for at least a week, fire and weather officials said April 9. The biggest fire resulted from a lightning strike that has burned nearly 12,000 acres of mostly forest land at the Columbia-Baker county line. That fire, which is about 30 percent contained, caused heavy smoke to drift into the Jacksonville area as winds shifted from when the fire first started the week of April 2, said a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The second biggest fire — 450 acres, 90 percent contained — was burning in Putnam County. That is known as the 8 mile fire, south of Grebe Street and 1 mile west of Florida 19. Two fires of 100 to 150 acres were attacked by local firefighters and state forestry crews in Clay County. Those fires are on Crowl Road off U.S. 17 — 50 percent contained — and Beauty Bush Lane — 95 percent contained.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2012-04-09/story/6-wildfires-still-not-contained-first-coast-smoke-over-jacksonville>

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Dams Sector

51. *April 6, Associated Press* – (Midwest; National) **Dry spring frees reservoir space.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said drier-than-normal weather has helped keep space free for floodwaters in the reservoirs along the Missouri River this spring. The Corps said April 6 nearly all of the 16.3 million acre-feet of the planned storage space for floodwater remains free because March was so dry. In 2011, late spring rains combined with heavy snowpack to force the release of massive amounts of water from the dams and record flooding along the 2,300-mile-long river.

Source: <http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2012/apr/06/dry-spring-frees-reservoir-space/>

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